

Position Available

Park Ranger & Kayaker

Boston Harbor Islands

LOCATION

The Boston Harbor Islands—A *national park area* includes 34 islands situated within the large “C” shape of the Greater Boston shoreline. The islands are rich in natural and cultural resources. The 34 islands are managed by a unique, 13 member partnership, which includes the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and other public and private organizations. The park offers recreational and educational experiences to day-use and overnight camping visitors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Plan and lead kayaking tours for experienced kayakers around selected harbor islands several times a week. Additionally, provide visitor services: prepare and conduct interpretive and recreational programs on the natural and cultural history of the islands for the general public and school groups; provide island orientation; staff special events and functions; promote compliance with park rules and regulations; manage and patrol campgrounds and trails; protect park resources; perform light maintenance and other duties as directed. Rangers live on an island or commute depending on position.

QUALIFICATIONS

Possess experience that reflects competency of kayak maneuvering, strokes, and simple rescues on lakes or protected ocean environments. Applicants should be highly motivated and responsible individuals who possess an interest in natural and cultural history; have the ability to design and deliver interpretive and recreational programs to the general public and who would enjoy working outside on the beautiful and diverse islands in Boston’s harbor. Applicants must have the ability to swim, stand or walk for prolonged periods of time and lift heavy objects or a person. Preferred Qualifications: Passed the ACA Coastal Kayak Open Water Skills or Coastal Kayak Trip-Leading Skills Assessment courses, First Aid and CPR certification; working on or completed a related Bachelor’s degree or two years of full-time, or part-time experience that supports the responsibilities of the position.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Long-term positions start in May and end in October. Short-term positions begin in June and end in early September. Rangers live on-island or commute, working a five-day-on/two-day-off, or ten-day-on/four-day-off schedule including weekends and holidays. On-island housing ranges from dormitory to camping style with no utilities and includes rotation among DCR islands. Off-island housing is not provided. Employees are required to wear the DCR Park Ranger uniform. Salary is \$592.04/week; employees are paid bi-weekly. Benefits may be available for long-term positions. Training is provided.

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter, resume, and DCR Seasonal Application form (available at www.mass.gov/dcr/employment.htm or by contacting DCR at 617-626-1250) to:

Attn: Nancy Riley-Whitehill
DCR Bureau of Ranger Services
251 Causeway Street, Suite 800
Boston, MA 02114
RE: RANGER & KAYAKER –BHI



Application Deadline is March 15, 2008

(Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled)

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